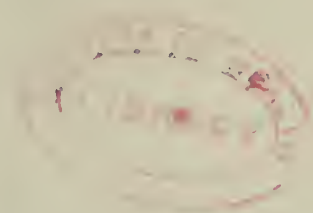


URBAN DISTRICT of NEW HUNSTANTON



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE

Year ended December 31st, 1938.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Herewith I beg to hand you the Annual Report required of me as Medical Officer of Health for the year ending December 31st, 1938.

Area in acres, 1498 (including 434 acres of foreshore).

Population (census 1931), 3132 as estimated by Registrar General, (1938) 2727.

Number of inhabited houses (1938) 1091

Rateable Value, £29,207. Sum represented by a penny rate £112.15 7.

Vital Statistics.

			Total	Males	Females	
Live-Births.	Legitimate	...	14	7	7	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ... 5.5
	Illegitimate	...	1	0	1	
Still-Birth	...	...	0	0	0	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births ... 0
Deaths	...	...	33	13	20	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population ... 11.8
Deaths from Puerperal causes :—						
	Puerperal sepsis	...	...	0		
	Other Puerperal causes	...	...	0		
	Total	...	...	0		
Deaths of Infants under one year of age :—						
	All infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	66.66
	Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	0
	Illegitimate infants per 1,000 illegitimate live births	...	...	...	...	1,000
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	7
„ „ Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	0
„ „ Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	0
„ „ Diarrhoea (under two years of age)	...	...	...	...	...	0
Comparability Factor	...	...	...	...	...	0.77
Particulars of any unusual or excessive mortality during the year which has received or required comment ... None.						

Causes of Sickness.

Infectious Diseases prevalent during the year were Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria and Pneumonia (for figures see table appended).

Public Health Staff.

1. One part time Medical Officer of Health and One Building Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector combined.

Professional Nursing in the Home.

2. There are two District Nurses, one employed by the Hunstanton S. Edmund's District Nursing Association, managed by a committee with the Chairman of the Urban District Council as President. One Nurse employed by Hunstanton S. Mary's, Holme-next-Sea and Ringstead, conjointly, managed by a Joint Committee.

The funds are supplied by :—

1. Voluntary Contributions and a Contributory Scheme.
2. Subscription of £10 per annum from the Urban District Council.
3. Subscription of £1.1.0 from the Docking Board of Guardians.
4. Fees from Patients.

The Nurses only attend infectious cases when it is safe to do so. They are available for work at the Council Schools under the School Medical Officer, and receive fees they earn as an addition to their salary.

Midwives.

3. Two in addition to the District Nurses.

National Health Insurance.

4. Nil.

Poor Law Medical Out Relief.

5. This work is done by the Docking Rural District Council.

Laboratory Work.

6. The County Laboratory at Norwich undertakes to examine swabs for Diphtheria, Sputum for Tuberculosis, and Blood for widal reaction free of cost.

List of Adoptive Acts.

7. Bye-laws and Local Regulations relating to Public Health are in force in the District.
Public Health Act (Amendment Act) 1890, Part III, adopted January 11th, 1892.
Slaughter-house Bye-laws adopted by your Council, July 19th, 1895.
New Hunstanton Improvement Act, 1903.
Public Health Act, 1907 (Portions)
Public Health Act, 1925 (Parts).

Hospitals.

8. Hospitals provided or subsidized by the Local Authority or by County Council.
 - (a)
 1. Tuberculosis. None.
 2. Maternity. None.
 3. Children. None.
 4. There is a County Isolation Hospital at East Dereham, where cases from the Urban District are sent.
 5. Small Pox—None.
 6. Surgical and Medical cases are sent to the West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital at King's Lynn.
 - (b) General Medical and Surgical—West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital.
Children—Ditto.
Maternity—None.
Venereal Disease—West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital.
Tuberculosis—None.
Chronic Sick—Exton's Road Infirmary, King's Lynn.
Mental—Norwich.
Mental Deficiency—None.
Ophthalmia Neonatorum—None.
Puerperal Fever and Pyrexia—None.
Orthopædic—West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital.
Ear, Nose and Throat—Do.
Facilities for Operative Surgery, X-ray, Radium, Dental, Ophthalmic and Massage are available at the West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital, King's Lynn.

Maternity and Nursing Homes.

9. No Maternity Home in the District. There are two Nursing Homes in Hunstanton, supervised and inspected by the County Medical Officer of Health.

Maternal Mortality.

10. Mr. J. L. Lewin, F.R.C.S., of King's Lynn is consultant in cases of Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia.

11. There is no institutional provision for unmarried mothers, illegitimate infants and homeless children. King's Lynn and District Moral Welfare Centre have a house adapted to take unmarried mothers at Hunstanton.

12. There is no institutional provision for the care of Mental Defectives.

Ambulance Facilities.

13. For non-infectious and accident cases a motor ambulance is provided by a local committee, the St. John's Ambulance Association and British Red Cross Society conjointly, for use in the district. It is worked by a local committee and is self-supporting as far as possible.

Clinics and Treatment Centres.

14. Orthopaedic Clinics, Tuberculosis Dispensaries, Treatment Centres for Venereal Diseases are provided by the Norfolk County Council, at the West Norfolk and King's Lynn Hospital at King's Lynn.

Report of the Sanitary Inspector for the year ending December 31st, 1938.

Infectious Diseases.

Disinfection of premises was carried out in fifteen cases during the year.

House Scavenging.

Some 2,666 tons of refuse was burnt at the Destructor during the Summer months. Tipping was resorted to in the Winter and further land reclaimed for parking purposes by this means.

Sewerage and Drainage.

At the North Ward outfall Works the filtering bed was thoroughly overhauled and new media introduced, whilst the percolating distributor was entirely re-conditioned. The effluent outfall to sea was extended during the year under review.

Water Supply.

Samples of the public supply were analysed quarterly and reported to be bacteriologically pure.

General.

Workshops, Bakehouses, Dairies and Cowsheds were periodically inspected and a satisfactory standard of cleanliness maintained.

There is one Accredited Milk Producer registered in the District, and samples submitted to the County Laboratory have proved satisfactory.

An order from the Justices was obtained during the year in regard to unsound meat which was siezed and destroyed.

A sample of the sea water from the Bathing Pool, which is filtered, aerated and chlorinated, was taken during the Season. This showed a high quality of purification.

Disinfection.

Your Council have not yet proceeded with the installation of an efficient disinfecter. It is a matter calling for urgent attention.

Sea Water.

There is an open-air Swimming Pool owned by the Council. The water is filtered, aerated and chlorinated and the condition of the water is entirely satisfactory.

Schools.

The sanitary condition is good. Water supply, Public and satisfactory. Electric Light and a new boiler for the central heating have been installed during the year.

SECTION D.—HOUSING.

1938.

Number of new Houses erected during the year :					
(a)	Total (including number given separately under (b)—				10
(i)	By the Local Authority	...	...	...	0
(ii)	By other Local Authorities	...	...	...	0
(iii)	By other bodies or persons	...	...	...	10
(b)	With State assistance under the Housing Acts :				
(i)	By the Local Authority				
	(a) For the purpose of Part II of the Act of 1925	...	...	...	0
	(b) For the purpose of Part III of the Act of 1925	...	...	...	0
	(c) For other purposes	...	...	...	0
(ii)	By other bodies or persons	...	...	...	0
1.	Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :				
(1)	(a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	45
	(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	60
(2)	(a) Number of dwelling-houses (included in the sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932)	...	...	...	0
	(b) Number of inspections made	...	...	...	0
(3)	Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to Health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	0
(4)	Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respect reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	6
2.	Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices :				
	Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officer				5
3.	Action under statutory powers during the year :				
(a)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :				
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	...	12
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses rendered fit after service of formal notices :				
	(a) By Owners	...	...	...	11
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	...	0
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts :				
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	...	...	...	12
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :				
	(a) By Owners	...	...	...	11
	(b) By Local Authority in default of Owners	...	...	...	0
(c)	Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936				
	(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which demolition orders were made	...	...	...	0
	(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders	...	...	...	0
(d)	Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :				
	(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	...	...	...	0
	(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	...	...	...	0
4.	Housing Act, 1936 Overcrowding :				
(a)	(1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	...	...	...	0
	(2) Number of families dwelling therein	...	...	...	0
	(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	...	...	...	0
(b)	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year				0
(c)	(1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	...	...	0
	(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	...	...	...	0

F. WILKINSON, Cert. R. San. Inst., M. Inst., M. & C.E.
Sanitary Inspector.

Infectious Diseases notified during the Year.

Disease.	Total Cases.	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Diphtheria	4	0	0
Pneumonia	1	0	0
Measles	1	0	0
Scarlet Fever	9	6	0

Tuberculosis.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1—10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
10—20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
20—35	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
45—55	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925.

Action taken in regard to Tuberculosis employees in milk trade.	None.
Action taken under Article 3.	None.
Notices served under Article 5.	None.
Number of appeals under Article 6.	None.
Number of cases in which compensation has been paid.	None.

Public Health Act, 1925, Section 62.

Action taken by your Council under this section during 1937.	None.
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I append the Sanitary Officer's Report and wish to thank him for his kind assistance.

Your obedient servant,

W. E. H. BULL, M.B. (Cantab.)

